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1. Thuringia Zellwolle AG in Schwarza has a production capacity of about 500 tons of fibre (Spinnfaser) per month and employs 1800 men. It produces synthetic fibre from wood by the application of carbon disulphide (CS₂).
2. At the end of 1945, the works developed a procedure for making a synthetic hard fibre which is very resistant to heat and pressure, greatly resembles asbestos, and can be used for textiles as well as sheathing material for aircraft. Its inventor, Professor Dr. Brand of Altenburg, refused to work for the Russians and committed suicide at the beginning of 1947. The process was also known to Dr. Friedrich of Zellwolle AG, however, and believes that the firm is now producing the new fibre.

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